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**INSTALLATION OF PATCH FB\*3.5\*32**

**1. PURPOSE:** This Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Directive provides instructions for the installation of patch FB\*3.5\*32 allowing reimbursement of non-Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) emergency care, as authorized by Title 38, United States Code (U.S.C.) Chapter 17, Section 1725, through the unauthorized menu of the Fee Basis package.

**2. BACKGROUND:** Public Law 106-117, the "Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act," provides the authority to reimburse the reasonable value of emergency treatment furnished to certain veterans in a non-Departmental facility.

**3. POLICY:** It is VHA policy that facility Directors are responsible for ensuring that patch FB\*3.5\*32 be installed at their facility within 10 days of receipt.

**4. ACTION:** The Office of Information Field Office (OIFO) released Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture (VistA) patch FB\*3.5\*32 to all facilities on July 27, 2001. **NOTE:** *Processing directions are published on <http://vawww.aac.va.gov/fee/FEELINKS.asp>*

**5. REFERENCES**

- a. Public Law 106-117.
- b. Title 38 U.S.C. Chapter 17, Section 1725.
- c. Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 17, Section 17.100 - 17.108.

**6. FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY:** Health Administration Service (10C3) is responsible for the content of this directive.

**7. RESCISSION:** This VHA Directive expires on September 30, 2002.

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